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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a four-month extension of time to respond further to their Notice of Appeal to the Board of Appeals and Interferences, filed January 8, 2003, in the above-identified application. With the extension, this Response is due on or before July 8, 2003. A check in the amount of \$725.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. $\S 1.17(a)(4)$, is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 24299-508-CON2. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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